

## Those Were The Days No 477

## WHEN WE WON THE CUP



## Wycombe's big day at Highbury



A REMINDER of one of the greatest days in the history of Wycombe Wanderers football from the Spring of 1931 when the team won the Amateur Cup, comes from a crowd picture sent in by Mr Fred Gurney, 58 Havenfield Road, High Wycombe, for Those Were The Days No. 478. The final was at Highbury, home of the Arsenal and the Wanderers beat Hayes 1-0 with a late goal from left winger Alf Britnell.

Says Fred Gurney, pictured above with his wife "In those days my wife and I used to hire a coach for away games for the family and friends, most of whom are in this picture. The little mascot I don't know. I wonder if he is still around and recognises himself?"

"I started to watch Wycombe first year after World War I and my wife and I still follow them, home and away."

Well, thanks for the memory, Mr Gurney, and here also, for good measure, is that well worn picture of that team, presented with the compliments of the old News Chronicle — back row, G. Harris (trainer-coach) S. Crump, J. Kipping, R. S. Cox, R. F. Gardiner (hon. gen. secretary); second row, C. Simmons, W. Brown, D. S. Vernon, F. C. Braisher, A. T. Britnell; front, G. Tapping, L. R. Badrick (vice captain); inset A. Greenwell and F. Rance. This old picture came in from Mr. J. H. Glenister, 2 Inkerman Drive, Hazlemere.

## My day of real bargains from the Common Market

IT SEEMS a very long time ago now that the country was split down the middle over plans to launch us into the Common Market. We were on the advantages, set them against the fears that we would lose our independence and sovereignty — and later stepped straight into a fundamentally style referendum to see if we should stay put.

And after all the controversy, it seemed that almost over night we were celebrating with fanfares and festivals that having joined the Market, we were quite suddenly real Europeans. Now, some years on, the debate still continues. There are those who put all our economic troubles down to the fact that we are 'in' — and others who are equally convinced that if we were 'out', we would be sinking even further to rock bottom.

On the face of it, too, it's often difficult to see any tangible advantages to the British people as a result of entry into the Common Market, especially over the Christmas period when television news bulletins show film crews and trippers from Germany, France or Belgium rushing around the continent for a few hours, buying up everything in sight and enthusiastically telling the interviewers 'in' brochures, 'in' cheap, everything is in England.

Stores like Marks and Spencer have still used to these parties of shoppers who appear to buy everything from butter to overcoats and umbrellas — and the larger London shops like Selfridges have the same. Most English trippers are finding out by hopping across the Channel, having a few hours on foreign shores and returning

## Invest first

The other day, I did my spot of trawling the tables on the French, thanks to British Rail who are whisking parties of trippers across the Channel by hovercraft and hovercraft to the ports of Boulogne and Calais for around £8 a head out of London.

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Having made the crossing the depths of the ferry where they can dance away the passage.

If there aren't too many people on board when you're travelling, there might be the opportunity to join the captain and crew for a meal from where you can look out over a sea surprisingly crowded by ships of all sizes and inspect the navigation and control system which keeps them safely 'at arm's length'.

## An early start

To get any return on anything you've first got to invest a bit, they say. So when you start saving up how much you've saved on your shopping expedition to the continent, it's not far from the mark to say you've got a real return on your money.

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weather conditions, I can vouch that the ferries are a real bargain for a group of half price, even the much maligned British Rail are giving a first class service.

Take the Menestrel

or the Ruy De Boulogne for example. It's one of France's famous roulettes, especially made for tourists — and the price is exceptionally value for money.

bound, you can pick up a bottle of good Beaujolais that would take more than double out of your pocket back home.

## Cheaper beer

On these day trips you can buy back a bottle of table wine duty free as well as a litre bottle of spirits and the 200 cigarettes. You can even buy a bottle of beer on board the ferry, but as far as wine are concerned, by far the biggest savings are to be had on the other goods — and there the selection of labels is mind-boggling.

Bother, like Kromen-bier is also available on these shores — so if you're really after making a saving on that day trip, and you're not a beer drinker, it's

willing hands to do the

carrying, then you can bring

back a bottle of beer since this sort of item comes under the 'other goods' category in the tax

category under which you can bring up to the value of £10 per person.

On the face of it, you

can't help feeling that it's

as getting on in a fair bit of

money-saving, you've

got to be in the mood of

that exclusive French atmosphere, even if a good time had been had you're

never really out of sight.

If you want to drive down

to Dover or Folkestone and you're minded to do it at the crack of dawn, you can be away on the first hovercraft

and after a few hours in

the morning, and back France

on the last ferry back from

Calais at around ten at night.

That's a saving between

April 3 and May 20 will be

just £12 return, £4.25 for

British Rail travel from

London by train, it's still

only £8. If you've got a

passport, take it along, but

just in case, take along two passport

photographs and British Rail

will issue a 24-hour identity card.

challenge anyone to

come up with better value

for money, or better value

of taking advantage of

Britain's membership of the

INTO EUROPE  
(WELL BOULOGNE)  
WITH DEREK COX

perhance that needn't worry too much those prone to bad dreams.

If you don't mind an early start out of London, you can be on the other side of the Channel in time for lunch.

At this time of year the time of the ferries do tend to be taken out of service if the waves get a little too rough.

But whichever way you travel, you soon get into the 'day after' syndrome.

So the first set sail for the foreign shores and the duty free bags.

In Boulogne close for lunch

until two, by far the best idea

is to open those doors and

seemingly 'ridiculous' price. Youngsters who

haven't quite got the

way of passing the

journey time can have great

fun exploring the ship — and there are plenty to choose from.

There's an information

Slipping a glass of delicious house wine labelled La Bouteille du Patron, you can

cast your eye over an incredible menu offering a vast choice of fish, meat, salads, soups, items like mussels, various fish and seafood products, but there are the traditional French delicacies like frogs legs and snails. Their huge bowls of soup are a real treat to the world and the main courses give even wider choices of meat, meaty pottery and edibles those unique French sauces.

Where in England

can you have your ice cream, set in a

miniature Champagne bottle

that carried away after the meal, and a good bottle of

red wine as a suitable reminder

of a day on the Continent

and a meal that for around

four pounds a head couldn't

be matched on these shores for double the price?

A coffee and Cognac rounds off lunch — and then you'll want to do some walking — but hunting port.

With those bargains in mind, the best place to head for is one of the 100-plus markets that are only a few minutes from the ferry.

Eating out is one of the first delights of this sort of day trip — and it represents your first big saving too, for many more better value, more astronomical and what you get for your money is certainly much better value than those French tourists must encounter when they set foot on our own shores.

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quality and the best

value.

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